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ALLOWING THE REMOTE DEVICES TO
FUNCTION AS A LOCAL DEVICE :
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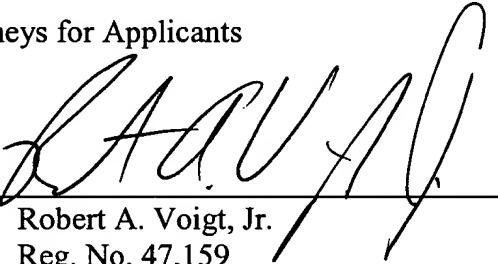
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